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The Right Honourable Sir Robert Borden, G.C.M.G.,

Premier of Canada,

Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Sir Robert:

I am forwarding to you herewith a memorandum asking your support of a unanimous petition from the Universities of the Dominion of Canada that your Government may grant maintenance and fees to such of the Canadian soldiers who have served overseas and are desirous and capable of undertaking higher education in universities or technical and high schools of the Dominion.

The request is prefaced with a great deal of earnestness. We have been interviewing departments of the Government since last January on this matter, and as the time for men to make their decisions as to next session is passing rapidly, I hope that in the midst of your many other important questions you may nevertheless find time to give favourable consideration to this petition.

I shall be glad to go to Ottawa to explain this matter to you on behalf of the committee if you would like to see me. Probably I could make our case clearer if I were to present it to you in person. My arrangements are such that I could go to Ottawa on Wednesday, June 18th, or Friday, June 20th, if either of these dates would be convenient for you.

With much respect, I am , Yours sincerely,

June 21st, 1919.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden, G.C.M.G.,

Ottawa Ont.

Dear Mr Premier:

Allow me to thank you for your telegram of to-day, stating that the 1st of July or a somewhat later date will be convenient to you. I will take the liberty of telegraphing you on my return from the United States to make a fixture, which I hope will be in time before they come to a decision in the matter of memorandum.

Yours sincerely,

President